This scheme is still under the consideration of the Karnataka State Water Supply Board Decision will be taken after the examination of proposals received from them.

## Income Sources of Village Panchayats

396 SRI CHOWDA REDDY (Chintamani).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj be pleased to state :—

(a) the sources of Income envisaged for Village Panchayats in the State :

(b) the actual Income derived during the last three years itemwise by Chintamani Taluk Panchayat, Kolari District ;

(c) the obligatory duties and functions of the Village Panchayats of Chintamani Taluk, Kolar District :

(d) the amount of estimated expenditure and the amount of actual expenditure incurred during the last 3 years towards the discharge of obligatory duties of the village Panchayats of Chintamani Taluk, Kolar District itemwise ?

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj).—

(a) Details *vide* Annexure-A laid on the table*

(b) Details *vide* Annexure-B laid on the table*

(c) Details *vide* Annexure-C laid on the table*

(d) Details *vide* Annexure-D laid on the table*

## Failure of wells in Bailhougal Taluk

397 SRI R. C. BALAKUNDARGI (Bailhongala).—Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state ;—

(a) the number of failed wells which were dug by taking loan from the Land Development Bank, Bailhongala taluk during the last three years :

(b) the number of wells and the years in which they were dug (figures relating to the last three years may be furnished) ;

(c) out of them, the number of wells which are considered as failed wells by the Government ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) 8

(b) 241 wells have been dug during the last three years :

| Year | | No. of completed Wells |
|---|---|---|
| 1975-76 | ... | 117 |
| 1976-77 | ... | 82 |
| 1977-78 | ... | 42 |
| Total | ... | 241 |

(c) Nil.

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## Loss in K. S. R. T C

860 SRI PATEL PAPANAYAK (Molakalmuru).—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state ;—

(a) the reasons with KSRTC for sustaining loss even though thousands of its buses are being run with full capacity of passengers ;

(b) the reasons for running KSRTC buses under loss while the private operators are running small number of buses with profits ;

(c) the steps taken to prevent the losses?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(a) Except for the year 1975-76 and 1977-78, the KSRTC did not sustain losses. The reason for the loss during 1975-76 and 1977-78 is due to increase of maintenance cost of the most of the buses.

(b) Maintenance of KSRTC buses could not be campared with the private buses. The private Bus operators running their buses with the sole object of earning the profit. Whereas the KSRTC buses are being run they are run with a view to providing more conveniences to the travelling public and in the interest of service to the people.

The KSRTC are running their buses in several routes in the interest of the traveling public without any profit motto. Several facilities like drinking water, Toilet room etc., have been provided in the bus stands by the Corporation. Besides the KSRTC has implemented the Industrial Disputes Act, Payment of Wages Act, The Road Transport Workers Act, Provident Fund Act and several other Acts for the benefit of the labourers. Most of the private operators have not provided any of these facilities and as such they are earning more profits by minimising the cost.